



**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION
FSR 2019-2020-002**

I. Resolution Name:

SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CAMPUS-WIDE PANDEMIC PLAN

II. Stated Resolution:

Be it resolved that the University of Central Oklahoma Faculty Senate wishes to support the development and publication of a readiness plan for the university's response to certain diseases or viral illness events which might affect our students, staff, faculty, and administration.

Be it resolved that the UCO Faculty Senate recognizes that students, staff, faculty, and administration may face a time when parties authorized by the federal government may find it necessary to close public spaces to prevent further spread of disease/viral illness to provide for campus safety and protection of human lives, and thereby pose a significant detriment to the university's learning environment and spaces.

Be it resolved that the UCO Faculty Senate wants to support a plan to provide certainty for all members of the campus community in the event of a disease or viral event which might result in an unanticipated closure of public spaces to enhance campus safety and protection of human lives, and thereby pose a significant detriment to the university's learning environment and spaces.

Be it resolved that the UCO Faculty Senate recognizes and supports that students, staff, faculty, and administration may find presenting or attending classes, or being present in public spaces troubling for those parties who are in diminished health or have protected disabilities which make them more susceptible to such disease/viral illness.

Be it resolved that the UCO Faculty Senate believes any such plan created or developed by campus administration should be prepared with input from health professionals, distance-learning employees, and information technology employees, as well as Faculty, Staff, and Student representation. This is to ensure that the plan is workable and meets the needs of all those who may be most affected. The plan should be made public as soon as possible to avoid the appearance of uncertainty to our campus community, yet open to modification as the situation is developing.

III. Justification:

The UCO Faculty Senate sees the current CDC reports on COVID19 anticipate a possible impact upon public spaces in the United States, and therefore requires a plan be made to protect our University of Central Oklahoma campus. We believe that it is essential that all campus personnel are provided protection through advance planning and publication.

Assigned to: **Faculty Senate Executive Committee**
Senators Barger Johnson, Geib, Edwards, Goulding, Sealey, and Ellis

This Resolution was submitted for Consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 12 March 2020 by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

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PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON 12 MARCH 2020.



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